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Application of: George Kukolj, et al) Confirm. No.: 9062
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Docket No.: 13/083-3-D2

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to a communication from the Examiner in charge of the subject application, which communication was mailed on December 28, 2005. In that communication, a three-month shortened statutory period was set for a response expiring March 28, 2006. This amendment is being submitted within such time period; thus applicants submit that no extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is necessary. However, if it is determined that an extension of time is necessary, applicants hereby petition for the extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. Furthermore, if it is determined that any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this amendment, applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page two (2) of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page four (4) of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page six (6) of this paper.